

REMARKS

Examiner Interview

A telephonic interview took place on October 16, 2006 between Examiner Alex Thomas and Emmanuel Rivera. It was particularly discussed that the primary reference of Vogelsang or any of the other cited references used to reject the claims did not teach or suggest pre-treating or pre-treated metallic layers. No agreement was reached during the interview as to allowable claims.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that pending claims 4-55, 69-70 and 72 are now in condition for allowance. If there are any remaining matters that may be handled by telephone conference, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully Submitted,

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